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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States general imports, unadjusted for seasonal variation, from $1,589.3[1] million in October to $1,431.5 million in November[2], reflected lower levels of imports from all areas. Changes in the dollar values of general imports from all areas from October to November were as follows: Canada, from $354.0 to $311.7 million; Latin American Republics, from $300.9 to $269.3 million; Western Europe, from $458.3 to $439.5 million; and "all other countries", from $476.1 to $411.0 million.

From October to November, imports from sterling area countries fell from $297.1 to $260.7 million and those from O.E.C.D. countries in Europe from $448.2 to $429.6 million. Decreases were reported in imports from all continents.

The drop in imports from North America from $469.8 million in October to $432.6 million in November, was largely accounted for by a decrease in imports from Canada, (as noted above) from $354.0 to $311.7 million. However, imports from Netherlands Antilles advanced from $22.4 to $29.5 million. Imports from South America fell from $234.7 to $197.5 million primarily as a result of decreases in imports from Colombia, from $31.6 to $17.5 million; Peru, from $26.8 to $15.7 million; Venezuela, from $73.0 to $63.1 million; and Argentina, from $17.6 to $11.0 million. Imports from Brazil, however, increased from $53.7 to $62.9 million. The decrease in imports from Asia, from $296.3 to $265.2 million, was largely due to decreases in imports from the Republic of the Philippines, from $36.9 to $18.0 million, and Japan, from $139.8 to $134.7 million. The decrease in imports from Europe, from $466.1 to $445.1 million, reflected, in part, lower levels of imports from individual countries of this continent as follows: United Kingdom, from $106.0 to $100.6 million; Belgium and Luxembourg, from $38.4 to $34.4 million; Italy, from $50.2 to $46.4 million; and France, from $45.5 to $42.0 million.

During the period, imports from Australia and Oceania fell from $48.1 to $31.6 million. This change was due chiefly to a drop in imports from Australia, from $36.7 to $20.6 million. The decline in imports from Africa, from $74.0 to $59.5 million, was due to small decreases in imports from most of the individual countries of this continent.

[1]Revised from the figure of $1,598.4 million published in October 1963 issue of this report and in the October and November 1963 issues of Summary Report FT 900-I.

[2]On a seasonally-adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at $1,480.0 million in November as compared to the revised seasonally-adjusted total for October of $1,466.6 million. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading, or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data (i.e. formal entries valued under $100 and all informal entries valued under $250), and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all import entries. The probable variability due to sampling is either less than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than 1 percent of the individual totals shown.

In addition to the effects of sampling variation, and the difficulties described above under COUNTRY DEFINITION, monthly import statistics are subject to some errors from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Reports No. FT 110 and FT 120. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: NOVEMBER 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1963 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1962 include all revisions published with the December 1962 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1963. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Continent and country[1]	November 1963	October 1963	November 1962	Monthly average 1962[2]
Total trade	1,431.5	[3]1,589.3	1,451.6	1,365.6
Western Europe	439.5	458.3	414.6	378.5
Canada	311.7	354.0	338.7	304.7
Latin American Republics	269.3	[3]300.9	274.7	282.2
All other countries	411.0	476.1	423.5	400.2
O.E.C.D. countries in Europe	429.6	448.2	403.9	369.0
Sterling area countries	260.7	297.1	277.8	249.7
North America	432.6	469.8	468.0	428.0
Greenland	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	311.7	354.0	338.7	304.7
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands	0.1	...	(*)	(*)
Mexico[a]	46.6	[3]46.4	51.1	48.2
Guatemala[a]	7.0	5.0	7.1	5.2
British Honduras[b]	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.2
El Salvador[a]	1.0	2.7	1.3	3.7
Honduras[a]	1.7	2.4	1.8	2.7
Nicaragua[a]	1.2	1.4	1.1	2.3
Costa Rica[a]	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.3
Republic of Panama[a]	2.4	2.2	1.7	1.9
Canal Zone	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4
Bermuda[b]	0.2	0.1	5.1	0.5
Bahamas[b]	0.9	1.2	0.6	0.9
Cuba[a]	(*)	...	...	0.6
Jamaica[b]	6.4	7.9	10.0	8.4
Haiti[a]	1.3	1.2	2.9	2.0
Dominican Republic[a]	11.2	7.4	14.9	12.8
Leeward and Windward Islands[b]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Barbados[b]	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago[b]	7.6	10.8	6.9	7.1
Netherlands Antilles	29.5	22.4	20.7	22.3
French West Indies	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.5
South America	197.5	234.7	193.6	204.1
Colombia[a]	17.5	31.6	14.5	22.9
Venezuela[a]	63.1	73.0	77.1	81.3
British Guiana[b]	0.9	2.4	1.8	1.9
Surinam	2.2	2.9	2.0	2.7
French Guiana	0.2	0.4	(*)	(*)
Ecuador[a]	8.9	9.0	6.5	5.9
Peru[a]	15.7	26.8	16.2	15.9
Bolivia[a]	1.8	1.4	1.0	1.0
Chile[a]	11.3	14.6	8.4	15.9
Brazil[a]	62.9	53.7	53.9	45.1
Paraguay[a]	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.6
Uruguay[a]	1.0	0.8	1.5	2.0
Argentina[a]	11.0	17.6	9.6	8.8
Falkland Islands[b]	...	...	...	...
Europe	445.1	466.1	420.0	385.3
Iceland[b,c,d]	2.4	1.6	1.8	1.0
Sweden[c,d]	15.3	15.5	15.0	14.2
Norway[c,d]	11.0	9.6	8.1	8.8
Denmark[c,d]	12.2	9.5	9.6	9.8

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: NOVEMBER 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country[1]	November 1963	October 1963	November 1962	Monthly average 1962[2]
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom[b,c,d]	100.6	106.0	96.4	83.7
Ireland (Eire)[b,c,d]	4.4	4.7	4.9	3.1
Netherlands[c,d]	18.4	21.2	18.0	18.4
Belgium and Luxembourg[c,d]	34.4	38.4	31.2	32.2
France[c,d]	42.0	45.5	36.7	35.7
West Germany[c,d]	94.9	92.1	91.0	80.1
East Germany	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Austria[c,d]	5.0	6.5	4.5	4.3
Czechoslovakia	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Hungary	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Switzerland[c,d]	25.5	26.4	22.5	18.9
Finland[c]	6.1	5.3	5.5	5.0
Estonia	...	(*)	...	(*)
Latvia	...	(*)	...	(*)
Lithuania	...	(*)	...	(*)
Poland and Danzig	2.7	4.1	2.4	3.8
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1.2	1.8	1.2	1.3
Azores	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Spain[c,d]	8.6	10.6	10.0	7.5
Portugal[c,d]	3.4	4.8	3.4	4.1
Gibraltar[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Malta and Gozo[b]	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Italy[c,d]	46.4	50.2	43.9	37.7
Free Territory of Trieste[c,d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia[c]	3.7	4.8	5.3	4.5
Albania	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece[c,d]	2.8	2.8	1.3	2.2
Rumania	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
Bulgaria	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1
Turkey[c,d]	2.5	2.9	5.5	7.3
Cyprus[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Asia	265.2	296.3	262.2	247.1
Syrian Arab Republic	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.4
Lebanon	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.4
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	1.8	0.9	2.3	0.8
Iran (Persia)	5.1	3.9	7.6	4.9
Israel	4.4	4.5	3.7	3.4
Palestine	(*)	...	...	(*)
Jordan[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Kuwait[b]	8.0	6.7	4.7	7.3
Saudi Arabia	5.6	6.9	4.0	5.6
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	3.5	4.8	5.0	1.9
Aden[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrein[b]	0.3	0.3	(*)	0.1
Afghanistan	0.8	2.3	1.2	1.2
India[b]	22.9	25.8	20.7	21.3
Goa, Damao, and Diu[4]	...	...	...	...
Pakistan[b]	3.7	4.0	3.2	3.5
Nepal	...	...	(*)	(*)
Ceylon[b]	2.9	3.7	2.7	2.8
Burma[b]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	3.6	2.5	3.9	3.3
Viet-Nam	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Laos	...	(*)	...	(*)
Cambodia	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.4
Federation of Malaya[b]	13.2	14.1	19.5	15.6
State of Singapore; British Borneo[b]	0.5	0.3	1.2	1.2
Republic of Indonesia	9.7	9.8	9.7	11.2
Republic of the Philippines	18.0	36.9	26.6	27.3
Macao (Macau)	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.	...	...	...	(*)
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	0.1	(*)	...	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.3

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: NOVEMBER 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS.—Continued

Continent and country[1]	November 1963	October 1963	November 1962	Monthly average 1962[2]
Asia—Continued				
North Korea	...	(*)	...	(*)
Republic of Korea	2.1	1.9	1.3	0.9
Hong Kong[b]	17.6	17.5	12.8	14.3
Taiwan (Formosa)	4.4	6.4	6.2	4.7
Japan	134.7	139.8	123.6	113.1
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8
Australia and Oceania	31.6	48.1	45.3	36.6
Australia[b]	20.6	36.7	33.1	24.2
New Guinea[b]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
New Zealand and Western Samoa[b]	8.8	9.0	10.8	11.7
British Western Pacific Islands[b]	2.0	2.3	1.2	0.4
French Pacific Islands	0.1	(*)	0.1	(*)
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	(*)	...	(*)	0.1
Africa	59.5	74.0	60.7	63.2
Morocco	0.3	0.5	1.0	0.9
Algeria	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Tunisia	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Libya[b]	2.0	0.7	2.7	1.0
United Arab Republic (Egypt)	0.5	5.0	0.4	2.1
Sudan	0.6	2.8	0.7	0.6
Canary Islands	0.1	0.2	(*)	0.1
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.	...	(*)	...	(*)
Federal Republic of Cameroon	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.6
Western Equatorial Africa, n.e.c.	1.4	1.0	0.2	0.5
Western Africa, n.e.c.	3.6	3.0	1.5	3.3
Ghana[b]	2.1	3.7	1.3	5.2
Federation of Nigeria[b]	1.7	3.1	2.2	4.0
British West Africa and Sierra Leone[b]	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.8
Madeira Islands	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3
Angola	2.6	4.6	4.9	3.2
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.	(*)	0.1	0.2	0.1
Liberia	2.5	3.9	2.8	2.6
Republic of the Congo	6.4	7.5	5.8	4.0
Somali Republic	(*)	0.3	(*)	0.1
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	1.6	2.0	0.6	2.5
French Somaliland	...	0.1	...	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies[b]	3.9	3.6	0.4	0.2
British East Africa and Tanganyika[b]	7.7	8.1	9.0	4.8
Mozambique	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.5
Malagasy Republic	1.8	0.5	1.4	1.3
Republic of South Africa[b]	17.4	18.9	23.3	21.4
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b]	1.1	1.8	0.5	2.5
Unidentified Continents[5]	(*)	0.2	1.6	1.2
Unidentified Countries[5]	(*)	0.2	1.6	1.2

[a]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]O.E.C.D. (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in Europe. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. [2]The 1962 monthly average figures shown exclude February 1962 data on $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments which are estimated as totaling about $9.7 million. Data on these shipments are also excluded from other reports such as FT 930-I, FT 110, FT 120, IM 145, etc. [3]Revised from the figures published in the October 1963 issue of this report. [4]Effective with the statistics for July 1962, the country designation "Portuguese Asia, N.E.C.", comprising Goa, Damao, Diu and Portuguese Timor became obsolete. Beginning with the September 1962 issue of this report, data for Goa, Damao, and Diu are shown separately while data for Portuguese Timor are included, along with data for other countries, in the figures for "Southern and Southeastern Asia, N.E.C." [5]Countries which could not be identified.